

Town of Bar Harbor: Covid Update

Mask. Distance. Wash Hands. Repeat.

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The Governor's mandate requires Maine people to wear cloth face coverings in public places where physical distancing is difficult to maintain, as recommended by the US CDC.

Town Manager Question of the Week

This week we asked the same question to MDI Hospital and the Bar Harbor Fire Department

Q: Now that the FDA has approved 2 vaccines for distribution, what is the time frame for front line health care workers and the general public to receive the vaccination here on MDI?

A: Mount Desert Island Hospital is scheduled to receive its first 300 doses of the Moderna vaccine the week of December 21. State and federal government will set priorities for the initial phase of vaccinations, with Phase 1 including healthcare staff. The State has separate allocations planned for other Phase 1 recipients, including community EMS and Birch Bay Retirement Village. Supply will be limited at first but is expected to continually increase in the weeks and months that follow. MDI Hospital hopes to complete vaccination of all staff by January. Phase 2 includes high-risk individuals in the community, essential workers, teachers and school staff and Phase 3 includes children and young adults. Phase 4, community-wide vaccination, could begin as early as this spring. Order of vaccination in the later groups is very fluid at this time based on changes in outbreak pattern and vaccine availability, including those not yet authorized. ***Oka Hutchins, MDI Hospital.***

A. EMS personnel are scheduled to be the first tier of responders to receive the vaccination. Maine EMS is anticipating taking delivery of the Moderna vaccine by December 21st, and hope to begin vaccinating EMS personnel within the following week. The second tier of first responders which includes; firefighters, law enforcement and dispatchers will receive their vaccinations upon the second delivery of the Moderna vaccine. Bar Harbor Fire Department and department personnel have agreed to be one of two Hancock County EMS Agencies that will provide vaccinations to all First Responders in Hancock County. ***Chief Matt Bartlett, Bar Harbor Fire Department***

Covid Transmission Update

- MDI Hospital confirmed 33 positive tests to date, with the most recent positive on 12/2
 - 27 Hancock County residents
 - 6 (non-residents)
- As of today 12/17/20, Maine CDC has confirmed 455 positive cases in Hancock County
 - 12/10 - 344 positive cases
 - 12/3 - 298 positive cases
 - 11/26 - 235 positive cases
- The current case rate for the State of Maine is 133.7 per 10k people
- The current case rate for Hancock County is 80.3 per 10k people

[Maine Center for Disease Control](#)

MDI Hospital

[MDI Hospital](#) Coronavirus Call Center : If you are having symptoms or think you may have been exposed to COVID-19, call your primary care provider. If you do not have one, reach out to our Coronavirus Call Center at 207-801-5900. Calling ahead helps our dedicated health care professionals provide the best possible care and protects those in our community who are most vulnerable. Remember: **PLEASE CALL AHEAD**

Public Safety & Municipal News

- The next Town Council meeting will be held on 1/5 at 5pm and can be viewed on Cable Channels 7 or 1303 and streamed on Townhallstreams.com
- The detour to the Municipal Transfer Station will end after repaving on 12/29
- [Walgreens pharmacy in Ellsworth is offering free drive-through rapid COVID-19 antigen testing to people experiencing symptoms of the virus.](#)

School Information: Conners Emerson & MDI High School

- School Emails and Websites
 - <http://www.mdirss.org/>
- [Latest email update from Principal Haney and MDI High School](#)
 - MDIHS [Chalk Talk Update 12/14](#)
- [Latest email update from Conners Emerson School 12/11](#)
 - CES [TIGER TALK](#)
- [Latest email update from Superintendent Marc Gousse](#)

Government News & Mandates

Governor Mills: Latest Updates :

- [Governor Mills Statement on Arrival of Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccines in Maine](#)
- [Governor Mills Statement on FDA's Emergency Use Authorization of Pfizer's COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [Governor Mills Issues Executive Order Strengthening Enforcement of Face Covering Requirement in All Indoor Public Spaces](#)
- [Mills Administration Commits Full \\$1.25 Billion of Federal Coronavirus Relief Funding](#)
- [Governor Mills Marks Get Covered 2021 Day; Encourages Maine People to Explore Health Insurance Options](#)

Other Government Resources:

- [CDC Guidelines](#)
- [Maine CDC](#)
- [Maine DECD Website](#)

Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce

If you have ideas that would help Bar Harbor businesses during this time, please email concepts to Chamber Director Alf Anderson: alf@barharborinfo.com

<https://www.visitbarharbor.com/member-center-coronavirus-resources>

Community Resources

- [Healthy Acadia Newsletter : 12/15](#)

Acadia National Park

- [See latest alert from ANP](#) : Current Conditions

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